

CHAUNCEY M. DEWEY says there will be no strike on the New York Central railroad.

The Massachusetts House, on the 15th, rejected by a vote of 117 to 49 the bill to grant municipal suffrage to women.

The greater portion of the business section of St. Elmo, Col., was destroyed by fire on the 19th. Loss, \$25,000; partially insured.

The Richmond (Va.) veneer mills were destroyed by fire, on the 17th, together with all of the stock and machinery. Loss, \$20,000; insurance, \$15,000.

The Democratic convention at Shoals, Ind., on the 18th, nominated John P. Fritz, of Dubois, for Congressman from the second district on the 28th ballot.

The striking painters at the New England Company's ship-yard, at Bath, Me., returned to work on the 16th, at an advance in wages of twenty-five cents per day.

SENATOR QUAY, on the 16th, introduced a bill to reopen League Island Navy Yard, at Philadelphia, for the construction and repair of vessels of the United States navy.

The Iowa State Legislature adjourned sine die on the 15th. Besides the interest attaching to the deadlock and the election of a United States Senator, the session was uneventful.

J. S. CASWELL, the murderer of George Gould, was sentenced to imprisonment for life at Montpelier, Vt., on the 15th. He was unmoved and took his sentence as a matter of course.

ERNEST M. WILSON, of Minneapolis, Democratic candidate for Governor of Minnesota in 1888, died at Nassau, Bahamas Islands, of malarial fever, on the 16th. He was a member of Congress in 1868.

DANIEL MITCHELL and Joseph Kane were drowned by the upsetting of a skiff in the Delaware river on the 20th. Three other men who were in the boat were rescued after being in the water two hours.

SEVENTY car-loads of oranges had left Los Angeles, Cal., for the East, up to the 20th, by special trains, and railroad agents estimated that there were five hundred car-loads yet remaining to be shipped.

The Dahoman army, with the King at its head, arrived near Porto Novo, on the 18th. On the march the Dahomians burned a number of villages and created the greatest excitement and alarm among the people.

The officers of the war-ships in port at Messina, Italy, on the 15th, including those of the Boston and Atlanta, of the American squadron of evolution, were entertained at a fete given in their honor by the Prefect.

FREDERICK JUSTIN, Provincial Superior of the Community of the Brothers of Charity in Canada, died on the 18th. He was born in Belgium in 1835, came to Boston as Superior in 1874, and was promoted to Provincial Superior in 1879.

Among the bills introduced in the Senate, on the 16th, was one by Mr. Cameron for a public building at Allentown, Pa. This is the famous Swenden bill vetoed by President Cleveland, excepting that the amount is increased to \$100,000.

OVER twelve hundred coco-ovens were shut down indefinitely, on the 15th, by the Frick, Schoenmaker and McClure coco-ovens of Scotland, Pa. Twelve hundred men were thrown out of work. The owners threaten a general strike.

On the occasion of the retirement of Rev. Theodore L. Cuyler from his thirty years pastorate of the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church in Brooklyn, on the 16th, he was presented by the congregation with a purse containing \$30,000.

FIGHTERS for the seven days ended on the 15th numbered: For the United States, 181; Canada, 23; total, 214; compared with 209 for the previous week. For the corresponding week last year the figures were 211 in the United States and 35 in Canada.

The Ohio House of Representatives, on the 14th, passed the Mallon Australian Ballot System bill by a vote of 68 to 21. Besides the Australian feature, the bill provides for the creation of a non-partisan State board of election, with supervisory powers over non-partisan county boards.

CONTRACTS for lighting the city of New York with gas for a year from May 1, 1890, were awarded on the 15th. All bids by electric-lighting companies were rejected, the mayor and his colleagues believing that a combination existed between the companies for the purpose of charging the city an exorbitant price.

A wagon load of nitro-glycerine shells used in shooting oil and gas wells, exploded at Cynthiana, O., on the 18th, with terrific force. Two men who were on the wagon were blown to pieces and nothing was left of them but a few strings of their clothing. The horses were both killed and terribly mangled, and the wagon was reduced to kindling wood.

A HUNTER from Cheyenne who had been seventy miles west of Pierre, S. D., on the reservation, announced, on the 16th, that a band of Indians were on the war-path and were giving the agent at that place considerable trouble. Chief Big Foot, with a band of about forty others, refused either to take up land in severity or to vacate for settlers.

The joint meeting of miners and mine operators, in session at Columbus, O., on the 17th, agreed upon the following scale of prices to rule from May 1, 1890, to May 1, 1891: For the Hooking Valley, seventy cents per ton, and for Pennsylvania, seventy-nine cents per ton.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS

In the Senate, on the 15th, the debate on the Montana election cases was continued, and an agreement was reached to take a vote on the matter later than that of the bill. Resolutions calling for information from the Departments were passed. In the House the Naval Appropriation bill was called up, and the amendment of the committee of the whole striking out the provision for three coast-line battleships was rejected, and the bill was passed. The bill to define the jurisdiction of United States courts was passed, after the rejection of a resolution offered by Mr. Mills, that of the several additional Circuit Judges provided for in the bill, one-half should be appointed from each of the political parties.

In the Senate, on the 16th, the Chinese Exclusion bill was summarily disposed of by the adoption of a vote to lay it on the table, and the bill was passed. The bill to amend the act relating to the election of a United States Senator, and to amend the act relating to the election of a United States Senator, was passed.

In the Senate, on the 17th, the new Senators from Montana drew lots for positions. Mr. Saunders drew the short term, expiring in 1891, and Mr. Powers the long term, expiring in 1892. A large number of public building bills were passed. The House passed a bill to amend the act relating to the election of a United States Senator, and to amend the act relating to the election of a United States Senator.

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MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Francis and Prison Reform.

M. A. Fanning, Governor Francis' private secretary, delivered a forty-minute address to the convicts at the penitentiary in the prison chapel the other day. His address was delivered at the request of the prison chaplain. He confined himself to a discussion of the convicts, and the kind of literature they could read with profit to themselves, and referred solely to the books and papers in the prison library. Governor and Mrs. Francis were present. A dispatch from Jedderson City, published in the Globe-Democrat a few days ago, says the Governor and Mrs. Francis are deeply interested in anything which promises to make the prison more of a reformatory institution than it is.

The Governor has been giving the question of prison reform serious attention, and it seems that he has enlisted for the war, and Mr. Fanning's address was the opening gun. It has been observed that imprisonment in the penitentiary does not reform anyone, but frequently makes them worse. This is not due to individual management of the prison, but to the entire system, which causes small vices to associate with larger ones, and makes the small criminal feel disgraced in the presence of the great criminal. It is a great undertaking for the Governor, and the progress made will not fail to attract attention.

John Foley, aged sixty, was found slowly starving to death in a shed in St. Louis.

For the St. Louis Exposition.

President Harrison has approved the act to admit free of duty articles imported for the St. Louis Exposition from Canada, Mexico and other American republics. This action is a source of much gratification to the board of directors of the exposition, and especially to Frank Galante, secretary of the board, for it was chiefly through his energy, that the bill was formulated and pushed through Congress. About a year ago the board of directors received a letter from President Diaz of the Mexican republic, expressing his friendliness to the St. Louis Exposition, but stating that the payment of duty on exhibits interfered materially with the patronage of the St. Louis Exposition by Mexican merchants and manufacturers. Mr. Galante subsequently drafted a bill, which was placed in the hands of Congressman Frank. Since its passage the Mexican Minister, Senor Romero, in Washington has been requested to write to the Mexican Government to have the exhibit hurried up, so as to have it placed upon exhibition this year. Mr. Ryan, United States Minister to Mexico, will also be instructed by the State Department to the same purpose. It is intended to have excellent exhibits of Mexican mineral products, finished woods and onyx, and an attempt will be made to secure the Mexican exhibit upon its way back from the Paris Exposition.

Interesting to Geologists.

Prof. Winslow, State Geologist, has received a letter from Prof. G. K. Gilbert, Chief of the United States Survey Bureau, notifying him that the Government will send a geologist to this State to co-operate with the State corps.

St. Joseph Water-Works Sold.

The St. Joseph water-works system has been sold to a syndicate for \$250,000.

He Must Pay.

Harry A. Schmidt, a St. Louis tailor, imported twelve workmen a year or more ago under contract. For this the penalty is \$1,000 fine in each case, and Schmidt was prosecuted, but friends exerted themselves in his behalf, and he was let off with \$2,000. He was not yet satisfied, and made application to the President for an entire remission of the penalty. But President Harrison would not be more lenient, and Schmidt must pay.

The Kansas City Drill.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the reception and entertainment of the various military companies, which are expected to attend the National drill and encampment to be held in Kansas City from June 2 to 9 inclusive.

A Practical Use for Hypnotism.

Charles A. Dines, an eleven-year-old boy, suffered severe injury to his left leg while attempting to board a cable car in St. Louis. Prof. Thayer, the celebrated hypnotic expert, who happened to be near, assisted Dr. McMenon to carry the boy to a drugstore. He then hypnotized the boy while his wounds were being dressed by the surgeon.

Light Weight Gold Dollars.

The United States Sub-Treasury at St. Louis one day recently received \$200,000 in gold pieces, and on examination it was found that \$50,000 of the pieces were of light weight, which will cause a loss of from \$50 to \$80 to the depositor.

Encouraged by Uncle Sam.

Governor Francis has received information that Federal troops will be allowed to participate in the State encampment at Excelsior Springs. This will give the encampment added attractions, and insure its complete success.

Died After a Long Fight.

Thomas Alford died at Lexington the other day after a fast lasting thirty-four days. During that time he did not take a mouthful of food. He was seventy-eight years of age, and had been an invalid for five years.

Death of the Oldest Person in Missouri.

Jane Harvey, colored, the oldest person in Missouri, died at St. Joseph the other day. William Harvey, a grandson, produced undoubted proof that she was one hundred and nineteen. She was born a slave in Virginia, and was owned by her first master more than fifty years. She had seventy-two grand children.

MISSOURI'S WEALTH.

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THE BELGIAN LION.

Stanley the Lion of the Hour in King Leopold's Dominion.

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